

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Jefferson High School's Class of 1972 on their 50th High School reunion.

After being rivals for many years, the Edgewater Mustangs and the Mountain Wildcats combined their student bodies to form the newest high school in Jefferson County. From its inception, Jefferson High School has been a focal point for the northern Lakewood, Edgewater and eastern Wheat Ridge communities. The new school's name, mascot, colors, and song were voted on by both student bodies in 1955, with Saint Jeff becoming the mascot of the school. The image of Saint Jeff was created by Bob Harvey, an Edgewater graduate, and symbolizes the honorable qualities of a fighting spirit. Today, that spirit of coming together continues as Jefferson High School honors all who come together for our school, our community, and our world.

As an alumni of Jefferson High School, I'm a proud "Saint" and know that many other "Saints" come from all over Jefferson County. The commitment to the students and the community has remained a top priority. Jefferson High School alumni have gone on to work in various industries ranging from public service, healthcare, law enforcement, entrepreneurship, to name a few. The song for the Class of 1972 class was, "You've Got a Friend" which is fitting for the many long-lasting friendships that came from that graduating class yet the diverse career paths and endeavors which continue to make the world a better place.

From one Saint to another, congratulations to Jefferson High School's Class of 1972 on their 50th High School Reunion. I thank them for their numerous contributions to our community and state. We are lucky to have them in our community and wish them best of luck in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING CHAD SCHMIDT OF NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chad Schmidt of Nutrien Ag Solutions, an agricultural business that was honored by achieving a national certification from the ResponsibleAg Certification Program.

ResponsibleAg is a non-profit organization founded in 2014 to promote public welfare. It is a successful voluntary initiative that provides a comprehensive assessment of agricultural facilities that store and handle farm input

supplies such as fertilizer, crop protection products, seed, and fuel. Certification requires that a facility meet stringent regulatory-based criteria, implement industry leading safety and security measures, and uphold facility safety as one of its highest priorities.

Nutrien Ag Solutions provides full-acre solutions through a network of trusted crop consultants at more than 1,700 global locations. They help growers achieve the highest yields with the most sustainable solutions possible, offering a wide selection of crop seed, protection and nutrition that help farmers across the world.

It is because of industry leaders such as Chad that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Chad Schmidt and Nutrien Ag Solutions on receiving national certification from the ResponsibleAg Certification Program.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5615, HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITIES PRESERVATION ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5615, the Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5615, the Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5615, HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITIES PRESERVATION ACT AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH 7, 2022

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–)			
in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.
Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5615 would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to submit a plan to the Congress to ensure that federal assistance is available to certain urban jurisdictions under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). UASI provides grants to state and local law enforcement agencies in urban areas that are at high-risk for acts of terrorism to cover the costs of planning, equipment, and training. Specifically, the act would require that grants be made available under the program for at least three consecutive years to jurisdictions that did not receive UASI funding in the current fiscal year.

In developing the plan, FEMA would be required to survey urban jurisdictions to confirm the need for federal assistance. Based on the cost of similar plans, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5615 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2022–2026 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HORACE MILTON TAFF

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the life of Mr. Horace Milton Taff, who passed away peacefully on April 20, 2022, at his home in Montgomery, Alabama.

At a young age, Milton answered his country's call to action and joined the United States Army, where he bravely served throughout World War II and the Korean War. Following his service during World War II, Milton attended Auburn University to study electrical engineering and grew as a leader in the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) Fraternity.

While studying at Auburn, Milton met his future wife, Eloise "Sis" Jordan. He soon fell head over heels, and following his graduation with honors in 1951, Milton and Sis were married.

Soon after, Milton began his career at the Alabama Power Company, initially working as its lead engineer in Montgomery and later as its Auburn District Manager in 1957. In 1971, Milton was promoted to the position of Montgomery District Manager, overseeing operations in the largest district in the State of Alabama.

During his time in Auburn, Milton served as the President of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Alabama State Jaycee, the Vice President of the National Jaycee, and the President of the Saughatchee Country Club.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

A devout Auburn fan, Milton also faithfully served as the official timekeeper of the Auburn Men's Basketball team for over thirty years.

Milton retired from the Alabama Power Company in 1989; however, he remained active in his local community—elected to serve on the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature and the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee.

Milton was also a committed member of the Capital City Kiwanis Club, and he was a legislative volunteer for the Alabama Children's Trust Fund. Due to his extensive record of serving the men, women, and children of Alabama, Milton was later inducted into The Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Milton spent much of his retirement with his family at their vacation home on Lake Martin, Alabama. He and his wife Sis enjoyed hosting their friends and family—often taking their children and grandchildren boating on Milton's pontoon boat.

Milton was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Eloise "Sis" Jordan Taff; his parents Freeman and Elizabeth Short Taff; his brothers Clarence, Hillary, and Foy Taff; and his beloved granddaughter, Lauren Nicole Taff.

He is survived by his seven children: Terry, Jerry, Mickey, Kathy, Joey, Betsy, and Davy; thirteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Milton's lifetime of service and passion for his community has without a doubt created a lasting legacy for his friends, his family, and the entire state of Alabama. On April 20, 2022, Milton passed away at the age of 95, and he will be sorely missed.

SUPPORTING H.R. 1437, THE
PRECIP ACT OF 2021 AND H.R.
5324, THE NWR MODERNIZATION
ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1437, the "Providing Research and Estimates of Changes in Precipitation", or "PRECIP Act". I also rise in support of H.R. 5324, the "NWR Modernization Act of 2021".

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of Representative SHERRILL's bipartisan PRECIP Act. As Chairwoman of the Science Committee's Environment Subcommittee, Ms. SHERRILL has been a leader in improving our understanding how to plan for excess precipitation, which can often lead to severe flooding in inland areas. This bipartisan bill is a direct result of significant stakeholder engagement to understand the needs of local governments, dam safety officials, floodplain managers, and more, who use precipitation estimates regularly. Precipitation estimates are critical for life-and-death decisions, like whether to issue an evacuation order, and also inform flood maps and zoning restrictions.

Current estimates for precipitation frequency, or precipitation atlas, and PMPs are outdated, inconsistent across the country, and infrequently updated. The PRECIP Act directs NOAA to update precipitation estimates on a regular basis, and to ensure these estimates consider the effects of future climate change.

In order to address this knowledge gap, this bill directs the NOAA Administrator to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a consensus study on best practices for estimating precipitation. These best practices will be useful for updating Probable Maximum Precipitation, or PMP, estimates.

This bill also directs NOAA to update precipitation frequency estimates, including PMP estimates, no less than every 10 years, but we encourage them to consider more frequent updates when feasible. NOAA is also required to develop a National Guidance Document for precipitation methodologies. While the results of the Academies' study should inform the development of this National Guidance Document, we encourage NOAA not to delay any updates to PMPs, and the creation of a National Guidance Document for the final study, and to undertake these activities concurrently upon enactment of this bill.

Changes in precipitation are already being felt across the country, and it is critical for our local decision makers to have the most accurate information on hand to protect our communities. The activities authorized in the PRECIP Act will take a big step forward in doing this. I want to thank Representative SHERRILL for her work on this thoughtful, bipartisan, legislation and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

I also rise in support of the bipartisan NWR Modernization Act of 2021 led by Representatives BICE and SHERRILL, the Ranking Member and Chairwoman of the Environment Subcommittee on House Science. NOAA Weather Radio, or NWR, is a critical lifeline for Americans across the country. It provides continuous coverage of weather information and broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts. It also provides information after natural disasters and other hazardous events.

This important bill will expand NOAA Weather Radio coverage by directing NOAA to acquire additional transmitters. It will ensure that underserved communities are within range to receive the important alerts. The bill will also update telecommunications infrastructure and software that are critical to the system. I want to thank Representatives BICE and SHERRILL for their bipartisan work on this bill that will bring the NOAA Weather Radio into the 21st century.

Both of these bipartisan bills will provide benefits to Americans across the country, and are the product of good bipartisan work by Members of the Science Committee. I urge my colleagues to support their passage.

LUISA WILSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Luisa Wilson for her creative and unique drawing, earning her first place in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Golden High School, Luisa created a work of art entitled, "Stretched" which depicts a white face on a black background being pulled

back by three hands. It is created with ink on paper.

Luisa spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Golden High School.

Congratulations to Luisa Wilson for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

CONGRATULATING HALEY STEVENSON FOR BEING THE FIRST FEMALE FIREFIGHTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE GALESBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate City of Galesburg Firefighter Haley Stevenson on being sworn in as the first female firefighter in the history of the Galesburg Fire Department.

Growing up in Galesburg, Illinois, Haley Stevenson was enamored with the prospect of one day becoming a firefighter. Her father, retired Galesburg Fire Department Deputy Chief Brad Stevenson, was her role model, an admirable individual who served with honor. As she progressed through life, she continued to apply herself with diligence as she strived toward this goal, despite the Department never having had a female firefighter before her. On May 2, 2022, that changed when Stevenson was sworn into the Galesburg Fire Department at 22 years old. Firefighter Stevenson's father taught her how to pass the written test and oral interview. She also handily passed the physical agility test on her way to fulfilling her lifelong dream. Firefighter Stevenson is a trailblazer. Her presence in the Department will serve as a constant reminder to her peers and community to be unafraid of breaking barriers.

It is because of selfless leaders such as Firefighter Haley Stevenson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally recognize Firefighter Haley Stevenson on being sworn in as the first female firefighter in Galesburg Fire Department history.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
(RETIRED) DONNA R. WILLIAMS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Brigadier General (Retired) Donna R. Williams. Brigadier General (Retired) Williams has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

(Retired) Williams is a native of Vicksburg and earned her commission through the Senior Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program

(ECP) at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where she also received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She holds a master of business administration degree in Information Technology and Military Management from Touro University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College (USAWC), Carlisle Barracks, PA.

She served her Nation honorably as an Army Engineer Officer for 32 years. Brigadier General (Retired) Williams' duty stations included key developmental and career-enhancing assignments across the Continental United States, Hawaii, Iraq and other overseas assignments. Brigadier General (Retired) Williams is an employee with the Engineer Research and Development Center at the United States Corps of Engineers Reachback Operations Center in Vicksburg.

She is a proud member of the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Vicksburg Branch of NAACP and a lifetime member of the Army ROTC Hall of Fame. She was recognized as the Vicksburg Post Hero of the week in April 2022.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brigadier General (Retired) Donna R. Williams for her passion and dedication to serve Mississippi and this Country.

GILLIAN MCCARRON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gillian McCarron for receiving the 2021 Woman of the Year Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Woman of the Year Award is given to a woman who has gone above and beyond to serve her community.

Gillian currently serves on the Arvada Economic Development (AEDA) Board of Directors as well as AEDA's Exterior Improvement Grant Committee and Economic Impact Committee. She is also currently the Chairman of Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth. Gillian serves on the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board of Directors and is active in the Ralston Valley High School's Boys Soccer Booster Club. Gillian is also a local business owner who supports local charitable efforts and is a passionate, supportive leader in the Arvada community.

Congratulations again to Gillian McCarron on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. STEWART. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Rollcall No. 141.

HONORING THE LATE SECRETARY
NORMAN MINETA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to the founding Chair of our caucus and a dedicated public servant, the late Secretary Norman Mineta, who passed away on May 3, 2022.

It was an honor to serve my first term in Congress alongside Congressman Mineta. Norman was the son of Japanese immigrants who were held in an internment camp during World War II, and he would later become one of our country's highest-profile Asian American political leaders. In 1971, Norman was the first Asian American to lead a major U.S. city when he was elected Mayor of San Jose, California. In 1974, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives from California's 13th congressional district. He went on to serve ten terms in Congress and served as the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton appointed Norman to be U.S. Secretary of Commerce and he became the first Asian American to hold a cabinet position. President George W. Bush appointed him U.S. Secretary of Transportation in 2001, making him just the fourth person to serve in the cabinet of two presidents from different political parties. He was highly influential in creating the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join in paying tribute to an extraordinary American and public servant.

HONORING COLONEL IGWEKALA
EDWIN NJOKU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we celebrate the retirement of Colonel Igwekala Edwin Njoku after 28 years of service with the United States Army and 27 years of federal civil service with the Department of Energy. Colonel Njoku's decades of leadership and commitment to excellence have helped to set the strategic direction of the federal government and ensure the security and prosperity of our country.

Originally from Nigeria, Col. Njoku arrived in the United States in 1971 on a student visa. He attended the University of Massachusetts where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Biology and a Masters Degree in Health Physics and Nuclear Science. He later attended the New York Institute of Technology where he earned a second Masters Degree in Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Engineering Technology.

Col. Njoku eventually moved from the East Coast to California where he worked for the state Department of Health Services as a Senior Health Physicist. Shortly after, he joined

the California Army National Guard and later the U.S. Army Reserve. He served 28 years in the U.S. Army where he provided oversight on emergency response systems to the use of Weapons of Mass Destruction on the battlefield.

In addition to his consultant capacity, Col. Njoku gave on the ground support abroad. He spent a year deployed in Iraq as the Combined Joint Task Force-7 Radiation Protection and Laser Safety Officer. He also traveled to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to implement the 1994 Agreed Framework, which suspended North Korea's nuclear power program in exchange for U.S. energy aid. When he retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work with the Joint Forces in Iraq, and his work on non-proliferation efforts in the Korean Peninsula.

On the civilian side, Col. Njoku served as a Certified Health Physicist with the National Nuclear Security Administration within the U.S. Department of Energy. During his 27 years of service, he ensured that radiological operations were implemented safely and improved federal oversight for various facilities and offices without expanding the oversight footprint.

Edwin Njoku's decades of service to the U.S. Army and the Department of Energy has truly had a global impact and has helped reinforce the security of our country and the world. I know that his impact and commitment to excellence will continue to reverberate in the years to come.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege of knowing Col. Njoku for more than 20 years and greatly admire his scientific brilliance and unwavering commitment to public service. I'm honored to have had his support over the years and wish him a wonderful and well-deserved retirement. One behalf of the 13th Congressional District of California, I commend Col. Igwekala Edwin Njoku for his tireless service and dedication.

NEVAEH SENA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Sena for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Sena is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nevaeh Sena is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nevaeh Sena for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE ROCK ISLAND
ARSENAL'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Rock Island Arsenal's 160th Anniversary. The Rock Island Arsenal is a major Army installation and a home to more than 80 organizations that provide important products and services to our Armed Forces. The arsenal is a prominent employer in the Rock Island area with over 6,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel.

The Rock Island Arsenal was established in 1862 by an Act of Congress, with a mission to deliver base support and enhance readiness for a globally-responsive Army. Major Charles P. Kingsbury was the first Commanding Officer of the Rock Island Arsenal and during his tenure he located and designed three buildings for the arsenal. The second officer to command the arsenal was Brevet Brigadier General Thomas J. Rodman, also called the "Father of Rock Island Arsenal," who redesigned the arsenal on a much grander scale. After his passing in 1871, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Flagler oversaw the construction of much of the arsenal buildings.

It is because of vital organizations such as the Rock Island Arsenal that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally celebrate the Rock Island Arsenal's 160th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DR. MAUDA L. MONGER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of a remarkable individual, Dr. Mauda L. Monger.

Dr. Mauda Monger is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Business Administrations from Tougaloo College, and a master's degree in Public Health, Health Policy & Management, and most recently, her doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership from Jackson State University. With more than 16 years of experience in HIV/AIDS, Monger has presented on both the local and national level. Her experience spans technical assistance and curriculum development and facilitation. Her presentation style is both personable and innovative with a structure that is focused on eliminating health disparities.

Dr. Monger has provided training to health care professionals in various settings to include primary care, Ryan White, federally qualified health centers and social services. Her key areas of focus are to build effective relationships between community and clinical partners while developing trainings that are comprehensive and informative while developing regional and national partners in getting Mississippi to reduce the number of persons infected with HIV and increase retention in care and viral suppression.

Communities of special focus include women, persons of color, specifically African Americans and marginalized communities to include persons who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Transgender. Her passionate and data-focused style of education reinforces her goal ensuring the clinical community recognizes how stigma and social determinants of health impact access to care, thus the importance of creating welcoming and inclusive clinical environments. She is author and co-author on numerous papers, abstracts and has presented extensively on HIV prevention, social determinants of health, special populations, HIV stigma.

In addition to her current, ongoing responsibilities, Monger is an active alumnus of Lanier High School's Health Initiative and board President OurTime Adult Day Care, Inc.

In 2014, Dr. Monger founded The SHE Project, a mentoring/community service program; focused to build young African American women to be leaders in the community. She is driven by the mantra "To whom much is given, much is required". It's in this space that Dr. Monger provides a roadmap to women seeking to achieve their personal and professional goals.

When she is not educating, mentoring, or speaking, Dr. Monger enjoys journaling, traveling and just a lazy day on the beach.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Mauda L. Monger.

EMILY GRACE KING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Grace King for receiving the 2021 Young Professional of the Year Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes an Arvada young professional under the age of 40 whose leadership and dedication have positively impacted their community.

Emily is the Gallery Exhibition Manager at the Arvada Center for Arts & Humanities. In addition, she ensures equitable access to art through Art Drop Arvada and her work on the Arvada Arts and Culture Commission. Emily embodies a leadership style that is rooted in collaboration, sharing, and working to help uplift others.

Congratulations again to Emily Grace King on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID WARE, A
DEVOUT CHRISTIAN BUSINESS-
MAN AND BROTHER BELOVED

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Almighty God has called to his eternal rest our friend and brother Mr. David Ware; and

Whereas, David was a delightful, well-balanced individual, blessed with high intellect, a humanitarian spirit, a great work ethic, a high energy level and love for humanity; and

Whereas, David never forgot his roots and spent a great deal of time in and around the community where he grew up and went to school, especially Farragut, where he, my wife Vera, Heavy Weight Boxing Champion Ernie Terrell, our good friend Frank Lipscomb and Howard Saffold, a founder of the Afro Patrolmen's League were school mates. I always knew David to be a man of principle, he was a good man, creative, always had an idea, a new venture, he contributed to my political campaign efforts, and I am sure to others as well. David was a connector and kept me abreast of his church activities, as a matter of fact it was, he who introduced me to his Pastor and her husband, he took us to lunch, and paid for it. The bible says that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

I am so grateful that the Good Lord blessed me to know the Good Man, David Ware and my family and I extend our heart-felt condolences to this wife, family, and friends.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
ARTHUR CLEVELAND HESTER

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Arthur "Art" Cleveland Hester. Mr. Hester led an accomplished life, serving his nation during a time of war, and influencing the next generation. He leaves behind a large family and community that will miss him greatly.

Mr. Hester was dedicated to serving this nation diligently throughout his life, and this is well exemplified by his military service. After graduating The United States Military Academy with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Hester served two campaigns in Vietnam where he was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He earned several commendations for his service, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. But of course, he was most proud of his time as an Airborne Ranger. After returning to the United States, he received a master's degree in Finance from New York University and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University. When he retired from active duty in 1981, he became a reservist in the Army and began working at the General Motors Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, Kansas. He would devote much of his career to automotive manufacturing, working in plants across the country as a manager and supervisor. Even when he eventually left GM in 1998, he continued to work in automotive manufacturing as a founding partner of engineering firm CHB and as a program manager who provided technical support to automotive and manufacturing organizations.

Mr. Hester was generous with his time, often choosing to help mentor young people at his church and in his local community. I will always be grateful to Mr. Hester for serving on

my office's Academy Nominations Panel, where he helped evaluate and advise local academy candidates that were interested in serving their country as he had. His perspective was unique and highly valued; I will sincerely miss his wit, empathy, and candor.

Mr. Hester leaves behind a large legacy of service, compassion, and dedication that all Americans can admire.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING HEALTHIER LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Promoting Healthier Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise Act of 2022, or the LIFE Act, which would authorize a national initiative to combat a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are found among Americans of every age, race and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no other condition or disease. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is not only to reduce overweight and obesity, but also to encourage exercise of all kinds.

This bill would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar. Specifically, this bill would require the CDC to establish the first national strategy to combat the overweight and obesity epidemic. The CDC, either directly or through grants to states and local organizations, would train health professionals to recognize the signs of overweight and obesity early in order to educate Americans about proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies for use in everyday life, such as in the workplace and community settings.

The National Survey of Children's Health found that 16.2 percent of children ages 10 to 17 had obesity in 2019–2020. The CDC National Center for Health Statistics reports that Type 2 Diabetes, once considered an adult disease, is now widespread among children. The rising cost of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflects this epidemic. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S. and 75 percent of U.S. medical care costs, according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. A focused national health initiative would provide guidance to state and local governments to engage in similar programs.

A national focus could lead to changes, such as greater participation in high school physical education classes, which dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 23 percent in 2020, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Changes in nutrition are equally

critical because more than half of all young people consume too much fat, a factor in the increase of overweight youth. Data also show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

To cite an example of the need for action, the District of Columbia is one of the fittest cities in the U.S., according to a 2019 study by the American College of Sports Medicine, yet, even here, obesity continues to be a severe problem. Approximately one-fifth of District residents are considered obese. Most of the obesity epidemic is exercise- and food-related.

I urge support for this important bill to mobilize the country before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the Nation's health care system.

PEYTON DUPLESSIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Peyton Duplessis for his creative and unique photograph, earning him the top photography award in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Wheat Ridge High School, Peyton created a work of art entitled, "Beyond the Glass". The artwork uses digital photography and is meant to show the reflection of an eye through a glass.

Peyton spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his photography skills and education in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teachers at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Peyton Duplessis for his hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON REEVE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of George Washington Reeve. George was a great man who worked hard for everything he earned in life. He grew up poor with a single mom. His first job was sweeping shop fronts. He had to work at a gas station to pay for college. He was a landscaper.

Living the American dream is an overused phrase. But I cannot help but use that phrase with George. George moved up from landscaper to Vice President at the Del Webb Corporation in a period of only six years.

And it was in the completion of the little things—small tasks that are often overlooked that led to George's professional break. The owner of the company, Mr. Webb, made an off-hand comment on a possible improvement for the property. By the next day, George had

implemented the suggestion. He was not even asked. He just did it. We should all learn a lesson from George that the competent fulfillment of our daily duties can lead to human success, but more importantly—and as a man of faith also, I know George is nodding his head in heaven—God sees and appreciates all our small efforts no matter how things turn out.

George went on to found a very successful real estate company, George W. Reeve Enterprises. The diligence, care, and competence George placed in his professional work overflowed into his personal life. George mentored a whole host of people seeking real estate experience. What they got was way more than just professional knowledge. They were exposed to the kindness and thoughtfulness of a man who cared more about their personal happiness than anything else.

George started the George W. Reeve Foundation for the purpose of teaching children to share his love of nature. George was very close to his children, Renee and Derek, as well as his grandson Hadden and granddaughter Tatum.

George built a chapel on his lonely, beautiful ranch in Cornville, AZ, where he spent so much time. Through all the business of his life, George never forgot to honor God, who he appreciated and saw in nature. To Renee, Derek, Hadden, and Tatum, I know your father and grandfather is watching over you. I hope his children and grandchildren especially remember him when life gets tough and those little duties become so hard. I hope they take a moment and step outside when it especially hurts, and remember their dad and grandfather in the nature he loved so much. God Bless them all.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S STARGAZERS DANCE TROUPE AS THEY CELEBRATE 30 YEARS IN THE DANCE INDUSTRY

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guam's Stargazers Dance Troupe for their extraordinary talents, awarded performances, and continued commitment as ambassadors of our island community. I would like to further congratulate Mr. Mark Gonzales for thirty years of leadership in fostering the talents, skills, and passions of rising Guam dancers through his company.

As a young freshman in high school, Mark's passion for dance fueled his desire to invest in himself and others. When the original founder of Stargazers was faced with the choice to permanently close its doors, Mark committed to re-establishing the dance group and promoting its growth in 1992. With humble beginnings traced back to rehearsals in Mark's garage and on Guam's beaches, the company has dramatically emerged as a vital force in our dance and larger island communities. In addition to hosting countless company productions and workshops for the public to enjoy, our people have had the opportunity to witness a wide range of performances from the group at local festivals and other events held in places like the Guam Premier Outlets, Micronesia Mall, and Agana Shopping Center.

Moreover, the Stargazers Dance Troupe has successfully collaborated with other organizations. This notably includes work with the Guam Allied Dance Force in producing a 2020 virtual Christmas dance festival to celebrate the season of giving, benefit the Salvation Army Guam, and uplift the spirits of the People of Guam amid the challenges and uncertainties imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the years, Stargazers have used their gifts and talents to elevate our island's presence abroad. From performing on national television in the Philippines, to earning numerous national championships in the U.S. and Canada, and taking the stage at California Disneyland and Disney World, Florida, they have proudly represented Guam, garnered many national and international awards, and showcased to the rest of the world the greatness to be discovered in our small region of the Pacific. Their recent accomplishments in the 2019 Luv 2 Dance Competition have distinctly lengthened an already extensive list of accolades. After facing off against a wealth of other experienced competitors, Guam's Stargazers rose to the top as Large Group National Champions while simultaneously obtaining the Top National Sapphire Studio Award, Best Choreography Award, and the first-ever Legacy Award—an award created to recognize an outstanding dance group that made an impact, demonstrated showmanship and studio spirit, and developed meaningful connections with other dancers throughout the week of competition.

On behalf of the People of Guam, I would like to extend a proud congratulations to our Stargazers for their success in earning national and international recognition across competition and entertainment platforms. Dancing is a form of art and expression that truly provides the opportunity to connect with, empower, and inspire others, and I applaud the Stargazers Dance Troupe for continuously accomplishing these objectives. I further commend Mr. Mark Gonzales for his dedication to encouraging generations of Guam's youth with the space to learn the value of hard work, cultivate their passions, and pursue their dreams. It is truly an honor to watch the Stargazers Dance Troupe story unfold, and I look forward to seeing the next chapter of their journey as they set out to represent our island once again in Atlantic City's That's Entertainment Performing Arts Competition in July.

BROOKLYN HECTOR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brooklyn Hector for her creative and unique drawing, earning her the top drawing award in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Ralston Valley High School, Brooklyn created a work of art entitled, "Twilight in Golden Canyon". It was created using watercolors and depicts the sunset reflected on a pond with glass in the foreground.

Brooklyn spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the

arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Ralston Valley High School.

Congratulations to Brooklyn Hector for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

COLONEL JEFFERY B. EDWARDS

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Colonel Jeffrey B. Edwards, United States Air Force, for his exceptional dedication and distinguished service to the United States of America. Colonel Edwards will retire on May 15, 2022, from his current assignment as the Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon. We thank him for his commitment to our country over the past 27 years.

Colonel Edwards graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1995. His first mission took him to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, then to Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, and then Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. During his time in Alaska, he was deployed twice to defend our nation, which included 52 combat sorties in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in Iraq and Operation ALLIED FORCE, over eastern Europe. In 2000, he was assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, where he served as an F-15C fighter pilot instructor, training the next generation of fighter pilots. In 2003, Colonel Edwards was stationed in Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea as the Chief of Air Defense Plans for the 7th Air Force. After his service in Korea, in 2004, he joined the Oregon National Guard at Kingsley Field. In 2006, Colonel Edwards attended United States Air Force Weapons School. In 2019, after serving in several positions at Kingsley Field, he earned the Command of the 173rd Fighter Wing. Colonel Edwards has been awarded the 173rd Fighter Wing Instructor Pilot of the Year award, the USAF Weapons School F-15 Academic Award, the 19th Air Force Air-to-Air Fighter Pilot Instructor of the Year, the Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. His service has included over 3,200 flight hours. Colonel Edwards embodies the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do as a Commander, leader, and Airman.

Kingsley Field is a critical asset for American national security. It serves as an outstanding training center for the Air National Guard and active-duty pilots. In Colonel Edwards' time as Commander, Kingsley Field was designated as first in line to function as a formal training unit for the Boeing F-15EX fighter jet. A critical part of domestic defense missions, the first operational F-15EX squadron was designated to operate in the Oregon Air National Guard. Additionally, Colonel Edwards led Kingsley Field effectively through the COVID-19 pandemic. Plans were formalized for Kingsley Field's dedicated men and

women to support their families while carefully maintaining the overall mission. In 2021, he seamlessly balanced the activation of over 250 Airmen for COVID-19 and hospital support. In 2022, over 145 members were activated to help the State of Oregon's deal with the Omicron variant. During this time, never once did Colonel Edwards' leadership waver. He stands on the front line, supporting innovation in aircraft, managing issues as they arise, and holding fast to a vision of a better future.

Furthermore, Colonel Edwards extends his focus on the future beyond his service to the men and women of Kingsley Field as a member of my Military Service Academy Nomination Board, which includes other exceptional active and retired officers. His experience as an Air Force Academy graduate, a pilot and a leader provides invaluable help as he, and the other military officers of my annual nomination board, interview students to assess their character, leadership, physical aptitude, motivation, academic preparation, extracurricular, and community service activities.

For a man who has demonstrated such strong leadership, allegiance, and sacrifice during his service to our Nation, recognition is a very modest attempt to thank him.

We indeed owe a serious debt of gratitude to Colonel Edwards, because, though technology, time, and power may change, the attributes of a good leader remain unchanged. Colonel Edwards has dedicated his life to this nation, and we thank him for the service, vision, and leadership he has demonstrated both at home and abroad.

Madam Speaker, as we reach the culmination of his distinguished career, I join my colleagues today in congratulating Colonel Edwards for his lifetime of service to our country. We wish him, his wife, Teresa, and their six children: Matthew 22, Anna 20, Andrew 17, Rachel 14, Sarah 12, and James 10 best wishes as he retires from the United States Air Force.

CONGRATULATING ROCK ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL COACH MARC POLITE
FOR BEING NAMED "COACH
OF THE YEAR"

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rock Island High School boys' head basketball coach Marc Polite for being named "Coach of the Year" for 2022 by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

When Marc began coaching at Rock Island High School, he decided he wanted to build a strong and solid team both on and off the court. The student-athletes that he coaches are able to set academic, athletic, personal, and professional goals, and play basketball while having fun. And just one year into his coaching career at Rock Island High School, coaches from across the State of Illinois voted Marc "Coach of the Year." As a former athlete, I appreciate Marc's dedication to his team, and I commend him for receiving this honor from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

It is because of community leaders like Marc Polite that I am especially proud to serve

Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Marc Polite for being named "Coach of the Year" by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
RETIREMENT OF MARCIA GARRETT
OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcia Garrett of Tacoma, Washington for her decades of service and to celebrate her upcoming retirement.

Marcia is a lifelong Washingtonian with a dedication to public service. She began her career serving as a staff member in the Washington State legislature and served our country as a White House aide during President Carter's Administration. After returning to the Pacific Northwest, Marcia joined the team at Washington State University, where she has worked for the past 26 years.

As the Director of Regional Relations in the Office of External Affairs and Governmental Relations for Washington State University, Marcia has been a pillar in our community, tirelessly working to build bridges between higher education, the community, and local government. In addition to her work at the University, Marcia is involved in several boards, organizations, and working groups within the Puget Sound region. She is a vocal and tenacious advocate for higher education in the state of Washington and we are all better off thanks to her work advancing the research and work of public universities.

Madam Speaker, beyond her many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for the friend that Marcia has been to me. Not only do I appreciate the person she has done; I appreciate the person that she is. Please join me in congratulating Marcia Garrett on her service to Washington State University and the state of Washington. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

**RECOGNIZING THE FORT WALTON
BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR THEIR INVALUABLE
CONTRIBUTION TO COMMEMORATING
THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS**

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce for the historical contribution they have made in commemorating the Doolittle Raiders.

The mission of the Doolittle Raiders was to strike back at the Japanese military after their attack on Pearl Harbor. Lt. Colonel James Doolittle began training the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Air Force Base just weeks before their historic raid. Before leaving Eglin, the Doolittle Raiders would become some of the greatest and most capable fighting pilots of all time.

In April of 1942, the Doolittle Raiders began their historic flight. However, they were reported by a Japanese vessel off the coast of California. They decided to launch their mission early in order to surprise the Japanese fleet that had been notified of their attack. Unfortunately, this early launch meant they would not have enough gas to make it to their designated landing place. As a result, many would have to either bail or perform a crash landing.

Despite this, the historic Doolittle Raid was invaluable to American morale in the early stages of WWII, which inevitably changed its course.

In the years following WWII, the Raiders held reunions commemorating the Doolittle Raid and all it stood for. Each reunion they would toast the Raiders who had passed since their last meeting. In 2013, the last reunion took place in Fort Walton Beach, and in 2019, the last Doolittle Raider, Bud Cole, passed away.

This year, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce sponsored a final commemorative toast to Bud Cole and the Doolittle Raiders at Northwest Florida State College. The distinguished honor bestowed upon these great servicemen by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and their commitment to preserving the memory of these national heroes. I thank them for their service and dedication to the legacies of these historic U.S. Servicemembers.

RACHEL SANCHEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Sanchez for her creative and unique drawing, earning her third place in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Golden High School, Rachel created a work of art entitled, "Father Figure". The artwork is a charcoal portrait of her father.

Rachel spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Golden High School.

Congratulations to Rachel Sanchez for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

ASHEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional public service provided by Officers of the Asheboro, North Carolina Police Department.

On March 2, 2022, one of my constituents was scheduled for an important medical procedure. As his wife was driving him to his appointment, she suddenly began experiencing serious medical symptoms. This forced the couple to make an emergency stop at a local convenience store. Dismayed, my constituent believed he would miss the appointment for his critical operation.

Upon observing the distress of a total stranger, a good Samaritan called 9-1-1. Officers Olivia Hicks and Courtney Crisco were nearby, and they were quickly dispatched to the convenience store. Although Officer Crisco was in training that day, both she and Officer Hicks sprang into action. As the EMTs cared for the gentleman's wife, the officers personally drove my constituent to his appointment. Not content to merely ensure he had transportation for his trip home, the officers also arranged for the man to have a caretaker until the effects of the anesthesia had subsided.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Officers Olivia Hicks and Courtney Crisco, along with the entire Asheboro Police Department, for admirably responding to the call to protect and serve their community. Through their actions, these officers demonstrated their genuine concern for those they serve. At a time when some have called for the defunding of police departments, residents across Asheboro should be proud of such exemplars of policing and public service.

**HONORING DR. MARK JUSTIN
APFEL**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Mark Justin Apfel as he retires from Anderson Valley Health Center and an extraordinary 45-year career in health care in rural Mendocino County.

Born in New York in April 1949, Dr. Apfel earned an undergraduate degree at Syracuse University and graduated from medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical University Norton College of Medicine. He went on to become an emergency room physician with Kaiser, serving Oakland, Vallejo, and Redwood City, California, and then a physician for East Oakland Family Health Center. In 1976, he was selected to be an emergency room physician for Hillside Hospital in Ukiah, California. That same year, Dr. Apfel began serving as a volunteer physician with a newly formed health clinic in Boonville, California, soon to become the Anderson Valley Health Center. Dr. Apfel stepped into the role of the first full time doctor at Anderson Valley Health Center (AVHC) in rural Mendocino County, where he worked for the next 45 years.

While working at AVHC, Dr. Apfel took on additional roles as an emergency room physician and medical director of palliative care for Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Ukiah, California; and he served as a staff physician at the Mendocino Community Hospital in Fort Bragg, California. This work required Dr. Apfel to commute frequently throughout Mendocino County, travelling year-round over the windy country roads that connect these communities.

In addition to Dr. Apfel's professional service to Mendocino County, he was an active

volunteer for fundraising on behalf of AVHC, and he provided medical service training for members of the Anderson Valley Volunteer Fire Department and Anderson Valley Ambulance Services. Dr. Apfel also continued to pursue professional development, broadening his expertise in palliative care.

Dr. Apfel shared his skills and knowledge with the medical community in the extended region and state through his leadership in the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, and by helping establish the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program. Furthermore, his efforts to ensure appropriate palliative medical care and end-of-life care resulted in improved access to critical information for patients and their loved ones.

Madam Speaker, the breadth and depth of Dr. Apfel's dedication and generosity of service to ensure access to affordable, high-quality, and compassionate health care in Mendocino County, the state, and Nation are unparalleled. He is appropriately regarded as a local healthcare hero, but his service and contributions extend far beyond his community. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Mark Apfel for his near half-century of good work and wishing him the best in his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE HUGH REED OF CLAUDE, TEXAS

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize Judge Hugh Reed of Claude, Texas as he gathers with friends, family, longtime colleagues, and members of the community to celebrate his retirement and 70th birthday. After nearly 34 years of distinguished service to the fine people of Armstrong County as County Judge, I know I speak for the whole county when I say we are grateful for his service and wish him well in retirement.

When asked about the best part of the job in a 2015 interview, Judge Reed expressed gratitude to his constituents for giving him the honor to serve them. Representing the people of Armstrong County is a clear passion for Judge Reed, and I am confident that he will be missed in his retirement as he served Armstrong County with diligence and honor.

In addition to his service as County Judge, Judge Reed also served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years. He is someone who truly knows what it means to make sacrifices for the betterment of his community and country.

Judge Reed is an incredible leader with an unwavering commitment to West Texas. His legacy will be remembered in Armstrong County for generations to come. I stand here today to thank Judge Reed for his contribution and service to the people of Armstrong County, and to wish him a happy 70th birthday.

ZAYNE YEAGER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zayne Yeager for his creative and unique drawing, earning him second place in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Ralston Valley High School, Zayne created a work of art entitled, “#NoFilter”. It was created with colored pencils and is meant to convey a social-media-centric culture and its impact on an individual.

Zayne spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teachers at Ralston Valley High School.

Congratulations to Zayne Yeager for his hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING DAVID BLANCO RAMIREZ

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Border Patrol Agent David Blanco Ramirez.

Mr. Ramirez served in the U.S. Border Patrol for 18 years. While serving in the San Diego Sector's Intelligence Unit during the migrant surge in September 2021, Agent Ramirez passed away in the line of duty.

Mr. Ramirez was born and raised in Chula Vista, California. In 1993, he enlisted in the National Guard, beginning his long career of protecting our country.

In 2003, Mr. Ramirez joined the Border Patrol's San Diego sector, located near his hometown. After 18 years of service for the CBP's forensic office, Agent Ramirez succumbed in 2021 to COVID-19 complications. He contracted the disease working in the 2021 surge in illegal aliens during our country's unprecedented border crisis.

He is survived by his loving wife Rosemary, who has served the San Diego community as a teacher's assistant to children with special needs, as well as his three sons, his eldest following in his father's footsteps and rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. National Guard.

We owe a debt beyond words to David Blanco Ramirez and his family. I am proud to rise today to honor his service to our nation.

HONORING NON-PROFITS AND
NGO'S FOR PROVIDING CRITICAL
INTERNATIONAL AID TO FIGHT
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, as a proud co-founder of the Global Vaccine Caucus and member of the Special Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis, I wish to honor and celebrate the efforts of NGOs who have provided robust international aid and other forms of critical humanitarian assistance to combat the COVID-19 pandemic around the world.

In our nation, rapid advances in vaccine technology and COVID-19 treatment have turned the virus into a more manageable threat. But in countries throughout the world without equitable access to the benefits of these advancements, the economic, social, and public health ramifications of COVID-19 have remained troublingly prevalent; to date, over 6 million deaths resulting from COVID-19 have been reported to the World Health Organization across the world. Furthermore, COVID-19 anywhere is a threat to people everywhere, and efforts to curb the spread of deadly variants abroad helps saves American lives here at home.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, volunteer-based organizations and NGOs have stepped up in a meaningful way to address this crisis, bringing critical support to underserved communities facing untold suffering as a result of the pandemic. For example, according to PR Newswire, the organizations Sewa International, eGlobal Doctors, and American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) partnered to provide “Medical advice for COVID-19 patients from India via telehealth,” with the objective to “keep patients with mild symptoms out of the ER and identify those who need to go to the hospital sooner,” and to “decrease the burden on hospitals to lower panic and decrease misinformation about the pandemic.” Further, these organizations assisted countries like India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Guyana, Iraq, South Africa, Suriname, and Trinidad by sending oxygen concentrators and other necessary COVID supplies. These much-needed humanitarian efforts served people of all races, colors, religions, genders, sexual orientations, and nationalities.

Other organizations have invested in deploying people on the ground in foreign countries to strengthen education and outreach initiatives. As outlined in Borgen Magazine, following the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the non-profit organization Doctors Without Borders “supported hospitals at the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak” in Italy, and “sent teams to educate populations [in Hong Kong] about the importance of preventing the spread of COVID-19.”

These are just some examples of the tremendous work undertaken by non-profits and NGOs across the United States to expand access to healthcare and fight COVID-19 across the world. In totality, such organizations have raised millions of dollars for COVID-19 relief efforts, distributed hundreds of thousands of

N95 and KN95 surgical masks, delivered hundreds of thousands of hot meals and food kits, established numerous non-medical help line centers across the United States, and conducted hundreds of webinars on health and visa issues to help people in dire need.

Madam Speaker, while our battle with this virus is not yet finished, I want to recognize the exemplary efforts of these organizations for their heroic efforts. Their work to provide international aid to fight COVID-19 has demonstrated an unrivaled level of compassion and commitment to humanity that is saving lives, preserving economies, and strengthening public health and safety across the world.

HONORING ELOISE CAMPBELL
BARFIELD-FIGGS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Eloise Campbell Barfield-Figgs.

Eloise was born on December 10, 1944, in Marks, MS, to Louise “Mama Lou” Hankins and Charlie Campbell. She grew up in a home with seven siblings—two sisters and five brothers in Marks, MS.

Eloise is a 1963 graduate of Quitman County High School; and she later attended Coahoma Community College where she majored in Early Childhood Education. She utilized her educational background and started her career in the early childhood field by serving as Center Director for Head Start in Lambert, MS. She also served as Parent Center Coordinator for the Quitman County School District. She established a name for herself by working in the public sector as a Justice Court Clerk, a Clerk in the Chancery Clerk’s Office; Customer Service Representative at Shreveport Credit Union (now Red River), and Delta Burial Funeral Association. She is currently retired but felt the need to return to work to share her skills and talents by cooking and serving three “Hot & Nutritious” meals to the County Inmates.

Eloise later married James R. Figgs (former Civil Rights Activist) and they had three children: Wynetta, Anja, and Dwight; four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Eloise is a strong pillar in her community and is the matriarch of her family. She continues to care for her children, her grandchildren, her great grandson and two of her disabled brothers. She is devoted to ensuring that her brothers are well taken care of and provides them with meals daily.

Over the course of her life, she has contributed to her community tremendously. She assists with distributing food boxes to needy families, disabled adults and the elderly throughout the community. As a pillar of her community, she has continued to help others through her many organizational affiliations, (Current & Past) such as the Heroine of Jericho; The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; the NAACP (Local, State & National), where she has received numerous awards in her work related to Civil Rights; and the Les Grandes Souers, where her organization provides charitable services that are beneficial to the community and particularly for the children. Her organization in the past was very instrumental in hosting pageants for the girls and boys of Quitman County, teaching them etiquette, helping to build self-confidence, increase community involvement, and build lasting friendships.

Eloise has been instrumental in helping to organize the Annual Christmas Parades for the City of Marks, providing Annual Scholarships for High School Seniors and she renders herself to any other charitable event in which the Organization is asked to assist.

Eloise is a faithful, longtime member of Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Her favorite scripture is Psalms 23, because she says, “the Lord is her Shepherd and I shall not want.” She is very active and supportive in her community, church and the school district in which she has resided all of her life. Eloise is never hesitant to help anyone in any way that she possibly can.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Eloise Campbell Barfield-Figgs for she is the epitome of an unsung hero.

KARLY VENN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karly Venn for

her creative and unique drawing, earning her the top mixed media award in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Lakewood High School, Karly created a work of art entitled, “Temperance”. The artwork used mixed media, digitally-altered photography, and collage work to show the concept of balance and stability through symmetry.

Karly spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Lakewood High School.

Congratulations to Karly Venn for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes because I was traveling as part of the official Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of the President of the Republic of Korea.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 142, YEA on Roll Call No. 143, and YEA on Roll Call No. 144.

In addition, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145 (Passage of H.R. 7691). As the world’s leading democracy, the United States has the solemn duty to demonstrate strong humanitarian principles, democratic values, and good governance. I strongly support the nearly \$40 billion in emergency funding provided by H.R. 7691 to support the Ukrainian people in defending their sovereignty and the right to choose their own future.